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SUBJECT: ARCTIC OIL AND GAS S/ME

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1. SINCE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO HOLD ARCTIC OIL AND GAS
SEMINAR/EXHIBIT FIRST RAISED, SIX INTENDED PARTICIPANTS
HAVE REQUESTED ADVICE ON SHIPPING. IN VIEW OF UNCERTAIN
TIES INVOLVED, WE HAVE ADVISED ALL QUESTIONERS TO HOLD
RPT HOLD SHIPMENT. NUMBER OF FIRMS NOW IN RECEIPT OF
THAT ADVICE IS SIX RPT SIX. IT IS EMBASSY'S OPINION
THAT, WITH PASSAGE OF TIME, IT HAS NOW BECOME VIRTUALLY
IMPOSSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVELY TO PUT ON EVENT IN
ORIGINALLY INTENDED TIME FRAME (SEPTEMBER 11 TO 14)
PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF FREIGHT QUESTION. AS NUMBER OF
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FIRMS IN RECEIPT OF WORD NOT TO SHIP GROWS AND PERIOD
OF THEIR INACTIVITY LENGTHENS, WE ANTICIPATE RECEIVING
QUESTIONS FROM SOVIETS ANY DAY REGARDING STATUS OF
ARCTIC OIL AND GAS SHOW.

2. ABSENT ADVICE TO CONTRARY, WE INTEND TO RESPOND TO
SUCH INQUIRIES ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: QTE. IT HAS
BEEN DECIDED THAT THE TIME IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR

HOLDING THE SEMINAR/MINI-EXHIBIT ON ARCTIC OIL AND GAS
TECHNOLOGY, WHICH HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER IN THE
U.S. COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN MOSCOW. END QTE.

3. IF PRESSED ON QUESTION OF CANCELLATION VERSUS
POSTPONEMENT WE WOULD SAY THAT SHOW HAS BEEN CAN-
CELLED AND QUESTION OF WHETHER TO HOLD IT AT SOME
FUTURE TIME WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED IN CONTEXT OF
CONDITIONS PREVAILING AT THE TIME. TOON

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